

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By Miller J

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Cleaston L. Runion of  
Cleveland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Cleaston L. Runion; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion served with acumen and alacrity as Director of Engineering for Brown Stove Works, Inc., in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to duty for 30 years; he was well known and highly respected within the appliance industry before taking a much-deserved retirement in 2002; and

WHEREAS, an active participant within the industry, Mr. Runion was a member of the Guild of Ancient Suppliers, the Gas Appliance Engineers Society, and the engineering committees of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association and the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers; he served as a member of the American National Standards Institute

Z21.1 Gas Range Subcommittee for 22 years and as its chairman for the last nine years of his purposeful life; and

WHEREAS, perhaps best known for his public service to Bradley County, Mr. Runion served two terms on the Bradley County School Board and two terms on the Bradley County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion was an active and devout member of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Sanctuary Choir, the Administrative Board, the Building Committee, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Runion was an avid outdoorsmen, and deer hunting with his sons, sons-in-law, and grandsons took top priority; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 46 years, Harriett Chapman Runion, and was the proud parent of Tammy Stafford, Beth and her husband, Derrick Burrell, Jennifer and her husband, Kenny Ensley, and Aaron Runion and his wife, Nicci; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Runion will certainly be missed by the greatest joy in his life, his grandchildren, Brittany Carroll, Kara Ensley, Laura Beth Burrell, Ashton Burrell, Jacob Ensley, Bryan Stafford, Aimee Ensley, Cody Burrell, Anna Burrell, Brandon Runion, Hunter Ensley, and Olivia Grace Runion, his great-grandchild, Jayce Burrell, his brother, Tommy Runion and his wife, Mary Ann, and his mother, Blanche Brooks; he was preceded in death by his father, Langston E. Runion; and

WHEREAS, Cleaston Runion leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Cleaston L. Runion, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Runion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.